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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application please find the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages);
2. Return Postcard

Although Applicants believe no fees are due with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 25681-501 UTIL.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the April 10, 2006 Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-45, drawn to a method of diagnosing multiple sclerosis.

With respect to the requirement requiring election of a specific antibody or specific antibodies, Applicants understand this requirement to mean that electing a specific group of antibodies will result in a search of all claims encompassing any antibody or permutation of antibodies in the elected combination of antibodies. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone conversation of May 10, 2006 to discuss this aspect of the species election requirements. If this is the correct understanding, Applicants elect the combination of antibodies anti-Glc(α 1-4)Glc(α) and anti-Glc(α) and anti-GlcNAc(α) and anti-L-Rha(α).

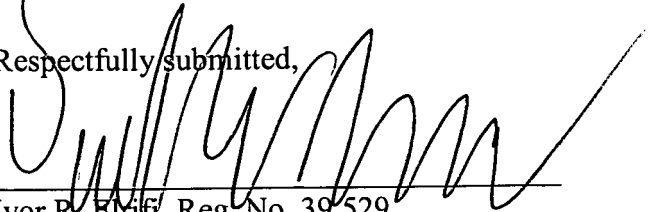
However, if the intent of the species election requirement with respect to a combination of antibodies is that the only claims that will be searched are those requiring all antibodies in the combination, then Applicants elect the species anti-Glc(α 1-4)Glc(α).

Applicants elect the specific antibody type IgM.

Claims 1-11 and 14-45 read on the elected species. Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned if there any uncertainties regarding these elections.

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